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**Report from the Director of Policy,
Performance and Partnerships**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Update from Chair of Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee, Councillor Ketan Sheth**

1.0 Summary

This report provides a summary of the activities carried out by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Order 41. The report covers the period from 10 July 2017 and details its work programme, visits and engagement, committee discussions and training.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1** The remit of the committee as set out in the constitution is the overview and scrutiny of children's services, adult social care, public health, health services and the NHS, wellbeing and cultural services. There are eight elected members on the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. All committee members are part of the Labour group apart from the vice-chair who is from the Conservative group. The membership of the committee for 2017/18 is:

Cllr Ketan Sheth, Chair
Cllr Suresh Kansagra, Vice-Chair
Cllr Ahmad Shahzad OBE
Cllr Lesley Jones MBE
Cllr Claudia Hector
Cllr Neil Nerva
Cllr Aisha Hoda-Benn
Cllr Rita Conneely.

In addition, the committee has six co-opted members, representing the Anglican diocese, Roman Catholic diocese, governors of primary schools, governors of secondary schools, Muslim faith schools and Jewish faith schools. They have been co-opted for the purposes of school education.

Members of the committee have now finalised their annual work programme for 2017-18, which is set out in Appendix A. The work programme has built-in capacity to ensure there is the flexibility to respond to issues as they arise and which residents may suggest.

2.2 Engagement and development

As part of the 2017/18 Work Programme members will be considering which visits they will want to make as part of their reports and which experts in particular policy areas from outside the local authority can complement the committee's work.

Since the last chair's report, Councillor Sheth has contributed an article to a publication produced by the Institute of Local Government (INLOGOV) at the University of Birmingham, reflecting in particular on the overview and scrutiny of Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS). Councillor Sheth also attended a meeting of Brent Youth Parliament (BYP) in July and gave a presentation about the work of the committee focusing on young people's issues, and how BYP members can be involved.

2.3 Committee Meetings

Since the last chair's report, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has met once on 19 July. The committee received the following reports:

Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

Councillor Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing, updated committee members about the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). The committee learned that building primary care capacity at the Central Middlesex Hospital was one of the priorities as it had been decided that the hospital would become a centre for elective admissions with day surgeries and minor surgeries complementing the existing services. In addition, it was noted that the STP had changed since it was announced because extra money had been allocated for social care and additional STP funding had been provided. Councillor Hirani said that these were important changes that required cross-borough working which would also help influence what had been happening on a local level.

Children's Oral Health in Brent

The committee heard that Brent's children have some of the worst oral health outcomes in England, with dental extractions remaining the top cause for elective hospital admissions in children. However, National Health Service England (NHSE) has awarded a new five-year Community Dental services (CDS) contract to Whittington Health NHS Trust from 1 April 2017 with funding for oral health promotion staff remaining with NHSE. Brent Public Health would provide £20,000 towards this.

The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, Councillor Hirani, told members that work had been undertaken with the borough's children centres to address not only oral health, but also obesity as there was a close correlation between the two issues.

He said that prevention was important to combat both issues, and cited the council's Slash Sugar campaign as an example of the council's aware-raising to aid this.

The Director of Public Health Dr Melanie Smith commented that there had been a strong partnership between Public Health, NHSE and Brent's dental practices, which had demonstrated that efforts to improve children's oral health had been co-ordinated.

Some members of the committee expressed their views about the importance of promoting fluoride varnish, school visits by dentists, and encouraging residents to register with a dentist – and that the council's website could be better used to communicate important messages. It was agreed that particular focus was required in Harlesden, where there are high numbers of dental admissions to hospital.

Primary Care Transformation

The report was presented by Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Members of the committee were told that some of the challenges faced by Brent CCG were a growing number of people aged 85 and over, demand on services, financial pressures, a dated infrastructure, and issues related to recruitment and retention of GPs.

A committee member asked what measures were being taken to ensure that vulnerable residents were not adversely affected by changes to primary care delivery. The CCG said that one of the groups disproportionately affected by primary care transformation was new residents because they might not have a GP and may have found it difficult to register. Therefore, the CCG stressed the importance of informing residents what they could do if a practice refused to register them. The CCG said that all practices had defined catchment areas and maintained an open register so if a practice refused a new registration, this could result in a complaint.

The committee felt it was important that patients were kept informed through effective communication from the CCG, working with the council and using GP surgeries to display important information. The committee also emphasised the key part that health service provision should play in the planning process for large developments.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Task Group

Councillor Shahzad presented his task group report to the committee. The Committee heard that the task group had agreed four recommendations for Brent CCG, on increased investment in support in schools, reminding schools of referral pathways, a peer support programme, and a network of community champions; as well as one jointly for the CCG and Brent Council, to arrange an event for parents modelled on the council's It's Time to Talk events. Hamza King (former member of Brent Youth Parliament) spoke about his role in the task group and highlighted the importance of including the perspective of young people in the borough in the work of the group. Councillor Shahzad said the task group had spoken to a wide number of stakeholders while it was completing its report. Committee members also agreed that an update on CAMHS provision in Brent be provided at a future meeting of the committee. The committee endorsed the recommendations in the report.

2.4 Scrutiny and Cabinet

The recommendations of the CAMHS task group were presented to Brent Council's Cabinet on 11 September, and there will be a presentation to the Brent Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 October of the task group's report.

3.0 Upcoming Scrutiny Meetings and Activities

The next meeting of the committee is on 19 September, where it will consider:

- Local Safeguarding Children's Board annual report
- Brent Safeguarding Adults' Board annual report
- identification of female genital mutilation in Brent
- scoping document for the home care task group.

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Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017-18
Wednesday 19 July 2017

Agenda Rank	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Sustainability and Transformation Plan - Update	Cabinet member to update scrutiny on recommendations made on 20 September 2016	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Cabinet member to update
2.	Task Group report Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	To discuss and agree task recommendations made by the task group	Cllr Ahmad Shahzad Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Duncan Ambrose, Assistant Director, CCG
3.	Primary Care Transformation	Review implications of primary care transformation for Brent	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Sarah McDonnell, Assistant Director for Primary Care, Brent CCG
**4.	Children's oral health	Review of work being done to improve children's oral health in Brent.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Dr Melanie Smith Director of Public Health Jeremy Wallman/Kelly Nizzer, NHS England. Claire Robertson, Public Health England

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Tuesday 19 September 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board	Receive 2016-17 annual report. Review last year's recommendations by committee	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Michael Preston-Shoot, Chair BASB
**2.	Brent Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Receive 2016-17 annual report. Review last year's recommendations by committee	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Mike Howard, Independent Chair, BLSCB
3.	FGM in Brent	Review the identification of FGM in the borough and the implications for health policy-makers, the local authority and other agencies and organisations in Brent.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Brent CCG
4.	Home Care task group	Agree task group scoping paper	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care

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Wednesday 22 November 2017

Agenda	Item	Details	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.*	Brent Local Area SEND Inspection	<p>Assess the action plan in place as a result of CQC-Ofsted local area inspection and how improvements will be implemented by the local authority and Brent CCG.</p> <p>Assess progress of recommendations made by committee in March 2017.</p>	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	<p>Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People</p> <p>Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG</p>
2.**	Local Offer for Care Leavers	Review the effectiveness of existing Local Offer for care leavers and any changes resulting from new policy or legislation.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member, Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People

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Wednesday 31 January 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	GP Practices in Brent	Review accessibility to GP practices in the borough including opening times, location, appointments and waiting registers. Evaluate to what extent the recommendations of the 2015 scrutiny task group have influenced accessibility.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Sarah McDonnell, Assistant Director for Primary Care, Brent CCG
2.	PLACE scores	Evaluate why certain PLACE scores for hospitals in the Trust have been below average, what action plan has been put in place and what improvements were made.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	North West London NHS Healthcare Trust

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Wednesday 28 February 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Learning Disabilities	Evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of learning disability service joint commissioning and market development. Assess to what extent changes will support independence and independent living.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care
2.	TB: Prevalence in Brent	Evaluate how effectively different agencies are working together to address TB. Understand what the challenges are around diagnosis and treatment of new TB cases.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Dr Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Sheik Auladin, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
3.	Home care task group	Agree task group report and recommendations	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care

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Wednesday 28 March 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
*1.	School Annual Standards and Achievement report	Receive report and review progress with school standards. Evaluate committee's recommendations on school standards made in March 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
*2.	Signs of Safety	Review progress with implementation and reporting back on task group's recommendations agreed February 2017.	Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People

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